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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS DOG TRAINER CLASS NUMBER 4

1. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS SCHEDULED ITS FOURTH NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINER CLASS TO BE HELD IN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 12-30, 1976. THE COURSE WILL BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH WITH SPANISH INTERPRETATION.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO DETERMINE SINCERE COUNTRY SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE AND TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AVAILABLE. DUE TO LIMITED RESOURCES, EMBASSY SATISFACTION THAT THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANT MINIMUMS ARE MET IS IMPORTANT.

3. PARTICIPANTS: PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE EXTENSIVE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN BOTH DOG HANDLING AND DOG TRAINING. IDEALLY, THEY SHOULD CURRENTLY BE INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ONGOING TRAINING PROGRAM. NOTE THAT DOG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND HANDLING EXPERIENCE. FINALLY, KNOWLEDGE OF THE PSYCHOLOGY OF DOG TRAINING IS A MUST. THESE PARTICIPANTS CAN BE FROM CUSTOMS, POLICE, AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR FROM EXISTING MILITARY DOG PROGRAMS.

4. OBJECTIVES: THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS TRAINING IS TO EQUIP THE PARTICIPANTS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM, WITHIN THEIR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CONSTRAINTS, TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING PROGRAM. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THEIR PROGRAM SHOULD DRAW ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES. THIS MAIN OBJECTIVE IS SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1) THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TRADITIONAL DOG TRAINING METHODS AND THE METHODS EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINERS. 2) THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE WAYS U.S. CUSTOMS

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APPLIES ITS TRAINING METHODS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG. 3) THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENUMERATE THE TECHNIQUES USED BY U.S. CUSTOMS IN CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT ANIMAL PROCUREMENT, HEALTH AND VETERINARY PROGRAMS; AND BOTH DOG AND TRAINER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION METHODS. 4) FINALLY, THE PARTICIPANT WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY THE

ACQUIRED INFORMATION TO HIS COUNTRY'S EXISTING OR DEVELOPING DOG PROGRAMS. THIS OBJECTIVE IS SUPPORTED BY COURSES IN METHODS OF EVALUATION OF TRAINER PROGRAMS, DOG UTILIZATION, RECORD MAINTENANCE, KENNEL MANAGEMENT, AND FIELD UNIT ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 2, CUSTOMS WILL ALLOCATE SLOTS FOR THE UPCOMING COURSE. ROUTE ALL REPLIES TO ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE. KISSINGER

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